

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re of:**

<b>Application No.:</b>	10/574,831	<b>Examiner:</b>	Carol M. Koslow
<b>Filing Date:</b>	December 19, 2006	<b>Art Unit:</b>	1793
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<b>For:</b>	CODING SYSTEM FOR VALUE DOCUMENTS		

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 29, 2009**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2009 rejecting the claims presented in the above application. This response is timely in view of a petition to enlarge the shortened statutory period for response submitted herewith, including the requisite fee. Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims of this application is requested in view of the amendments and comments presented herein.

**AMENDMENT**

Amendments to the Specification

The specification is amended as shown on the following pages under the heading "AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION."

Amendments to the Abstract

The abstract is amended as shown on the following page under the heading "AMENDMENTS TO ABSTRACT."